

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION

2007 IN-SERVICE TRAINING



Frequently Asked Questions

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. *What are the in-service training requirements?*

The in-service training requirements are outlined in the Administrative Code 12 NCAC 09E. In summary, these rules require that every law enforcement officer certified by the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission must receive 24 hours of in-service training annually. The topics for this requirement are outlined in the Code and including the following:

Firearms Training and Qualifications	4 hours
Required In-service Training Topics	12 hours
Department Topic of Choice	8 hours

2. *What are the new required topics for 2007?*

The required in-service training topics for 2007 are:

Legal Update	2 hours
Ethics- On-Duty <u>or</u> Off-Duty	2 hours
JMST- Current Youth Culture- "What's Hot, What's Not?"	2 hours
Interacting with Special Populations	4 hours
Domestic Violence	2 hours

3. *When will officers have to complete their in-service training requirement?*

All officers must complete their 2007 training between January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007.

4. *How does a certified officer get his/her training?*

The Administrative Code directs the North Carolina Justice Academy to develop instructor and student lesson plans and training aids for the "Required In-service Training Topics" and Firearms blocks of instruction. Additionally, the Justice Academy will develop three lesson plans that may be used for Department Topic of Choice. These topics for 2007 will be "Ethics On- Duty or Off- Duty," "Arrest, Search & Seizure Review," and "Handcuffing and Impact Weapons Refresher." These materials may be obtained at cost from the North Carolina

Justice Academy. The agency head is responsible for ensuring that all certified officers receive the training. Most training will occur at the agency and at community colleges.

5. ***Can an officer miss any of the training?***

No. All officers must attend 100% of the training. Failure to participate in and successfully complete all of the Required Annual In-Service Training Topics during the calendar year of service will result in suspension of the officer's certification by the Director of the Criminal Justice Standards Division.

INSTRUCTORS

6. ***Do all instructors teaching mandated in-service training need to be instructor certified?***

Instructors conducting the in-service training program **must be** certified by the Criminal Justice Standards Commission.

7. ***Do I have to attend the Instructor Update sessions to teach a block of instruction for in-service training?***

No.

8. ***Where can I find a listing of Instructor Update workshops?***

Instructor updates are listed in the *NC Justice Academy Training Calendar* and on the NC Justice Academy webpage: <http://www.jus.state.nc.us/NCJA>

9. ***Who can teach the "Handcuffing and Impact Weapons Refresher" block of instruction?***

Those Commission certified instructors who hold a Subject Control/Arrest Techniques Instructor certification are the only instructors permitted to instruct Handcuffing and Impact Weapons Refresher for in-service training.

10.. ***Who can teach the Legal Update topic for in-service?***

All instructors who teach the required topics for in-service training must be Commission-certified instructors. If an agency wishes to use an attorney and he or she is not already a Commission-certified instructor, they must submit an application for Professional Lecturer Certification.

- 11. *If I am a trainer, do I get my in-service training credit by attending an Instructor Update?***

No. All Instructor Updates are not the same number of hours as the in-service training block of instruction.

- 12. *Do I get credit for my in-service training requirement if I teach that block of instruction?***

Yes, but you have to teach and or attend the entire block of instruction.

- 13. *When do instructors get credit towards their instructor renewal for teaching in-service training blocks of instruction?***

Assuming all lesson plans are written in accordance to Commission standards, instructors will receive credit towards their instructor renewal for teaching any in-service topic for which the Commission has certified them to teach. Probationary and general instructors will receive credit for teaching any in-service topic not considered a specialized topic as outlined in 12 NCAC 09B.0304. To receive credit for teaching in a specialized topic area as outlined in 12 NCAC 09B.0304, the instructor must be certified by the Commission as a specialized instructor in the topic area.

- 14. *Which topics will need instructor updates? How will that be determined?***

Updates will be based upon the recommendation of the In-Service Training subcommittee to the Education and Training Committee of the Commission. Instructor updates will be optional for the 2007 materials. Instructor updates are available through the NC Justice Academy.

LESSON PLAN INFORMATION

- 15. *Does an agency have to use the newly developed lesson plan each year or can they utilize previously developed lesson plans?***

Departments must use the current lesson plan as a minimum for "Required In-Service Training Topics" and Firearms.

- 16. *Is the instructor required to provide each student a copy of the student lesson plan/outline when teaching mandated in-service training?***

The Administrative Code stipulates that the in-service courses developed by the Justice Academy shall be applied as a minimum curriculum. Although not specifically required in the Rule, it is strongly encouraged that instructors provide each student a copy of the student lesson plan during the course delivery.

18. Does the department have to physically keep a lesson plan from such places as a community college or the Justice Academy?

No, a certificate or roster is satisfactory. The provider will keep the lesson plan.

19. How long will the provider have to keep the lesson plans?

The training provider should keep the lesson plan(s) indefinitely.

20. Can additional firearms hours (above the four required) be used for a portion of the Department Topic of Choice requirement?

Yes, four hours of additional firearms training may be counted as Department Topic of Choice. The firearms training must be different than the required training and must be accompanied by a separate lesson plan that is kept on file.

21. How do I get the annual lesson plans and training materials for in-service from the Justice Academy?

There are three methods to obtain materials:

- a) Instructor and student lesson plans, PowerPoint slides, handouts, and DVDs can be purchased from the Academy bookstore. These materials will be available in two formats: 1) all materials on CDs or 2) a printed copy of lesson materials and DVDs. VHS copies will be available upon request only.
- b) Lesson plans will be available on the Web. If you are an agency head, school director, or instructor, e-mail Ms. Pam Pope at ppope@ncdoj.gov to obtain the In-service lesson plans on the web. **Video clips cannot be obtained directly from the website.**
- c) The NCJA Audiovisual Library will have CDs or DVDs for loan. The only cost will be return postage.

Address:

The North Carolina Justice Academy
PO Box 99
105 N. Fayetteville Ave.
Salemberg, NC 28385

Telephone: (910) 525-4151
Bookstore: Ext. 310
AV Library: Ext. 257

An order form may be obtained via NCJA website:
<http://www.jus.state.nc.us/NCJA/>

DELIVERY ISSUES

22. *What are the Commission's criteria for training delivery?*

The provider of training will ensure the following criteria are met:

- a) Training must be documented by a roster which includes: student names, date/time of training, instructional topic, hours taught, instructor's name and training provider.
- b) The training must be taught by a Commission certified instructor.
- c) Instructors must use the mandated lesson plan for required in-service topics and firearms and
- d) The training provider should issue a certificate to the officer.

23. *Does training at law enforcement conferences count toward the in-service training requirement?*

Conferences may present the mandated topics, provided that state-mandated lesson plans are taught by a certified instructor or a specialized instructor or a professional lecturer as required by the topic area. Training must be documented by a roster as explained in Question #22.

24. *Will officers be tested in in-service training?*

Officers do not have to be tested in the traditional classroom with a certified instructor leading the training. However, an optional test is included in the handout section of each lesson plan to test the student's learning. When an officer takes computer-based or video or web training, the student's learning will be evaluated and documented through testing and/or study questions.

25. *Will online or computer or video training count toward in-service?*

Yes, this training will count toward in-service if the department can provide a completed roster, ensure that the hour requirements have been met, and the officer is tested and/or required to complete study questions to demonstrate that learning has occurred. Additionally, the student will receive equal credit (as in-class hours), if computer-based training or web-based training is developed from a mandated lesson plan and utilizes all of the written materials, discussion points, exercises, PowerPoint presentations, and videos (where applicable).

26. *Does the delivery site for mandated in-service training have to be accredited by the Commission?*

No.

27. *Will all officers, regardless of assignment and status, receive the same training?*

The lesson plans for "Required In-service Training Topics" and Firearms, as published by the North Carolina Justice Academy shall be applied as a minimum for all officers. Training providers can target and enhance a lesson plan to meet the needs of differing types and levels of officers.

Exception:

Agencies that have their own legal advisor may wish to teach the legal block in the following manner.

The legal update will cover the most important statutory and case law that is relevant for every officer in the state. Recognizing that agency heads and their legal advisors may have legal issues pertinent to their own agencies, agency issues may be addressed in addition to legal material that will be provided.

28. *Does in-service training have to be delivered in days or can smaller increments of training such as roll call training be used?*

In-service training can be broken into smaller increments of training if the Commission criteria for training providers are met as outlined in Question #22.

29. *Can Haz-Mat and Bloodborne Pathogens be used as a portion of the Department Topic of Choice?*

Yes. Commission certified instructors who hold a Specialized Haz-Mat certification are the only instructors permitted to instruct Haz-Mat and any Commission certified instructor is eligible to teach bloodborne pathogens for in-service training. It is recommended that the instructor teaching bloodborne pathogens have some practical experience within this area.

30. *What counts as the annual firearms qualification requirement of four hours?*

The four hours of firearms training is not limited to one session. It can include all firearms training in which an officer participates throughout the year including class instruction, practice, qualification, and remediation.

CERTIFICATION ISSUES

31. *When will new probationary officers need to complete in-service training?*

New officers hired during the calendar year in which they have successfully completed a BLET delivery and been issued Probationary Certification are deemed by the Commission to have, with the exception of the Firearms Training and Qualification Course, satisfied the mandated in-service training for that

calendar year. New officers who completed the BLET course from an outside source, such as a community college or another department, using a different weapon than the one issued by their department, are required to complete their department's full Firearms Training and Qualification Course to qualify for probationary certification. Correspondingly, an officer completing their own department's BLET course has satisfied the firearms and all other in-service requirements for that calendar year.

32. *When will lateral transfers (with General Certification) need to complete in-service training?*

If an officer has separated from an agency with less than a 12 month break in law enforcement service and is later employed as a law enforcement officer during the same calendar year, the officer shall have completed all of the in-service training topics as specified in 12 NCAC 09E.0102 by the end of that same calendar year. Upon notification that such officer has failed to meet all of the requirements for in-service training as specified in 12 NCAC 09E.0102, the law enforcement officer's certification shall be suspended.

33. *What happens if an officer has an extended illness, suffers an accident, or is called up for active military service?*

The Commission has authorized the Director of the Criminal Justice Standards Division to grant temporary waivers to those officers who fail to complete the in-service training due to illness, accident, military leave, or other legitimate reasons. The officers Chief of Police should submit a letter along with the agencies end of the year report form (F-9) explaining the officer's circumstances and request consideration of a waiver. The agency will receive a written response from the Director of the Standards Division.

34. *What if the officer fails to complete his/her in-service training in 2007 and is suspended by the Commission? If he/she completes the mandated training in 2008 in order to be reinstated, does this training suffice for the 2008 calendar year training requirement?*

Upon notification from an agency head that a law enforcement officer who has been continuously employed with an agency during the 12 month calendar year (i.e., Jan.1, 2007/Dec. 31, 2007) has failed to meet the requirements for in-service training, the officer's certification shall be suspended. In order to have that suspension lifted, the officer must submit evidence to the Commission staff that he/she has completed all of the in-service training topics as specified in the rules. There is no provision in the Commission's rules which exempts such an officer from completing the in-service training for 2008, so the "make-up" training for 2007 will not suffice for the new.

35. *What about an officer who also holds certification under the Sheriffs' Commission as a deputy sheriff?*

The Sheriffs' Commission's in-service training requirement differs from the Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission in that specific hours per topical area are not mandated. This requirement allows each Sheriff to exercise some discretion in the number of hours his/her deputies need in each topical area. However, the topical areas are identical. Therefore, an individual who completes the in-service training as prescribed by the Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission will also meet the Sheriffs' Commission's in-service training criteria. If such a police officer/deputy sheriff completes in-service training where the hours do not comply with the Criminal Justice Commission's rules, his/her police officer certification may be suspended under that Commission. Therefore, it is recommended that such police officer/deputy sheriff comply with the in-service training requirement as set out under the Criminal Justice Commission in order to maintain certification under both Commissions.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING COORDINATOR

36. *What are the requirements to be eligible to serve as an In-service Training Coordinator?*

The In-Service Training Coordinator shall meet the following criteria:

- Have four years of practical experience as a criminal justice officer or as an administrator or specialist in a field directly related to the criminal justice system.
- Hold General Instructor certification
- Have successfully participated in the "Coordinating In-service Training Course" for the purpose of familiarization with the trainee and instructor evaluation.
- Submit a request form to the Criminal Justice Standards Division.

37. *What are the responsibilities of an In-service Training Coordinator?*

According to NCAC 09E.0109, an In-service Training Coordinator shall:

- a) Administer the delivery of the In-service Training course curriculum
- b) Select and schedule instructors
- c) Ensure that each instructor utilizes a current Commission-approved lesson plan
- d) Monitor, or designate a certified instructor to monitor the presentations of instructors during course deliveries and prepare a written evaluation on their performance and suitability for subsequent instructional assignments.

- e) Maintain records of all in-service training received by the agency's officers to include, at a minimum:
- (1) Course title
 - (2) Delivery hours of course
 - (3) Course delivery dates
 - (4) Names and addresses of instructors utilized for each topic
 - (5) A roster of enrolled trainees documenting class attendance; and
 - (6) Test scores from in-service training.

38. *Do school directors (who are in charge of in-service training) have to attend the "Coordinating In-service Training Course"?*

No. It is not mandatory for school directors to attend the Coordinating In-service Training Course, but they may attend if they choose.

39. *Does my agency have to appoint someone as the In-service Training Coordinator?*

No. This position is available for those agencies that conduct in-service training in-house and primarily use instructors from their agency. If your agency out-sources in-service training to the community colleges or other agencies, then you do not need someone designated as an In-service Training Coordinator.

40. *As an In-service Training Coordinator, who can I use to deliver my agency's in-service training?*

In-service Training Coordinators may use any Commission certified instructor in the delivery of in-service training. Those instructors teaching any of the specialized topics as outlined in 12 NCAC 09B.0304 must possess the appropriate specialized certification.

41. *As an In-service Training Coordinator, which instructors can I evaluate and recommend for renewal?*

In-service Training Coordinators may evaluate and sign instructor renewal forms for any Commission certified instructor used in the delivery of in-service training for the In-service Training Coordinator's agency. This includes instructors teaching either of the specialized topics outlined in 12 NCAC 09B.0304.

42. *If my agency has an In-service Training Coordinator, who may attend our in-service training?*

The in-service training will be primarily for the In-service Training Coordinator's agency. With approval from the agency head, the In-service Training Coordinator

may invite certified law enforcement officers from other agencies to attend the in-service training.